## **REMARKS**

Claims 3-7, 10-14, 17-23, and 25-65 are active in this application.

The amendment of Claims 3, 10, 17, 25, and 29 is supported by Claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 25, and 29 as originally filed. The amendment of Claim 28 is supported by the corresponding claim as originally filed. New Claim 65 is supported by page 9, lines 5-7. Sequence Identifiers (SEQ ID NO:) have been added to the specification. No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

The present application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/881,710 filed June 18, 2001.

The Sequence Listing for the instant application is identical to the computer readable Sequence Listing in parent application Serial No. 09/881,710 filed October 22, 2001 (a copy of which is appended herewith). In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821 (e), Applicants have requested that the Patent Office use the last filed computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application. In the event the office encounters difficulty in obtaining a copy of the Sequence Listing from the parent application, Applicants request that the office contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to avoid any further delay.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is solicited.

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